

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2010

SWAC Members

Steve Sprague, Chair	Steve Findley	Kurt Osuch
Paula Jenson, Vice Chair	Stephen Greenhouse	Craig Simoneau
Sara Ducey	Lee Levine	Ed Violette
Susan Filocco	Marcia Marks	

Absent: O. Hall

County Staff

Guests

Bill Davidson, DSWS	Eileen Kao, DSWS	Peter Hartwell, Covanta
Robin Ennis, DSWS	Peter Karasik, DSWS	
Rick Hands, DSWS	Scott McClure, DSWS	
Angela Jordan, DSWS	Anthony Skinner, DSWS	

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 p.m. on March 16, 2010, in the Executive Office Building's Lobby Level Auditorium. Introductions were made.

The Chair welcomed everyone, including new member Stephen Greenhouse.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes – Comments were submitted regarding the February 23, 2010 minutes. The minutes were approved.

Subcommittee/Ad Hoc Group Reports – No subcommittees and ad hoc groups met since the last meeting.

Mr. Violette, SWAC's DAFIG representative, reported that DAFIG held its regular meeting on March 15, 2010. Mr. Violette reported a discussion of regular topics including deer management, the lease agreement with County, and complaint reports.

Meeting with County Executive – Mr. Sprague stated that the meeting with Mr. Leggett went well. Also present in the meeting were Ms. Ducey and Mr. Osuch.

MAJOR PROGRAM TOPIC

Mr. Skinner gave a brief overview of the budget with respect to the CE's FY11 Recommended Operating Budget. Then various DSWS staff members presented

program by program highlights of the CE's FY10 Recommended Operating Budget. Some highlights are:

- FY11's recommended operating budget calls for an increase of just under \$6 million versus FY10's approved budget.
- DSWS will see a decrease of 18 percent for the overall operation and maintenance of existing computer equipment as a result of the completion of several one-time items including the CRM systems, ERP and MC311 going live this year.
- The Revenue Management & System Evaluation budget decreased by 12 percent due to the abolishment of one position. The solid waste service charges will be increased for the non-residential sector, but unchanged for the single and multi-family sectors.
- The Dickerson Master Plan, which includes the RRF, Compost Facility, and Site 2 Landfill, had its budget decrease by 50 percent due to personnel reallocation, and scheduled studies.
 - The RRF will have an increase of 11 percent due to the electricity market
 - The Compost Facility will have an of 42 percent for capital equipment replacement requirements
 - The Site 2 Landfill will have a decrease of 23 percent due to the completion of pond work.
- The Solid Waste Transfer Station will have a 2 percent increase to its budget due to capital equipment purchases. The Recycling Center will see a decrease of 4.3 percent due to reduced capital outlay replacements in FY11 relative to FY10.
- The Oaks Landfill will have a decrease of six percent due to a reallocation of personnel costs, while the Gude Landfill will have a budget of \$378K, nearly unchanged from FY10's approved funds.
- The Beauty Spots will experience a 17 percent decrease in budget, due to the closing of the Damascus site, as well as a reallocation of hauling costs assumed by the Transfer Station's budget.
- The Out-of-County Refuse Disposal budget was increased three percent due to anticipated waste tonnages, contractual obligations, and a reallocation of personnel costs.
- The budget for Refuse Collection decreased one percent due to new contracts with lower fees being charged by collection contractors, while Recycling Collection had a three percent increase to its budget for new contracts that will have average higher fees charged and higher diesel fuel costs incurred by collection contractors.

- The budget for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and the Ecowise program for businesses increased four percent and decreased 30 percent, respectively. HHW's increase was due to reallocation of personnel costs, public education, etc., while the Ecowise program budget was decreased by 30 percent due to personnel cost reallocation.
- The budget for multi-family recycling increased by six percent to maintain program of aggressive site visits, proactive enforcement-related actions, and continued blue bin distribution and replacement.
- The budget for Recycling Outreach and Education was decreased 10 percent for personnel reallocation.

NEW BUSINESS

April SWAC Meeting – The Chair stated that April's meeting will bring closure to some issues that have been pending, including a review of Article III.

Stephen Greenhouse formally introduced himself to the membership. He mentioned that he strives to improve recycling efforts in Bethesda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ACRONYMS

CE	County Executive
CRM	Customer Relations Management
DAFIG	Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group
DSWS	Division of Solid Waste Services
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
FY	Fiscal Year
HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
MC	Montgomery County
RRF	Resource Recovery Facility
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2010 ATTENDANCE														
	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	Absences In Last 12 Months	
Ducey, Sara	X	X	X											Mar '09 dropped off
Findley, Steve	X	X	X										-1	
Filocco, Susan	X	X	X										-1	Mar '09 dropped off
Glazer, Mark	X												-2	RESIGNED
Hall, Odell	X	X											-1	
Jenson, Paula	X	X	X											
Levine, Lee	X	X	X										-1	
Marks, Marcia	X	X	X											
Osuch, Kurt	X	X	X										-1	
Simoneau, Craig	X	X	X										-1	
Sprague, Steve	X	X	X										-1	
Violette, Ed	X	X	X											

April 2009-March 2010

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2009 ATTENDANCE														
	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	Absences In Last 12 Months	
Alexander, Leslie		X			X								-2	RESIGNED
Ducey, Sara					X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Findley, Steve	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Filocco, Susan					X				X	X	X		-2	
Frank, David	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			TERM EXPIRED
Glazer, Mark	X	X	X		X	X			X		X		-1	
Hall, Odell		X				X					X			WAIVER GRANTED 11/09
Harrington, Marcia	X	X	X		X	X				X	X		-1	TERM EXPIRED
Jenson, Paula		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Lee, Ed	X	X	X			X				X			-2	RESIGNED
Levine, Lee	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Marks, Marcia	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			
Osuch, Kurt			X		X				X	X	X		-1	
Simoneau, Craig	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Sprague, Steve	X	X	X		X	X			X	X			-1	
Violette, Ed	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			